

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** [Mechanical Drafters \(17-3013\)](#)

**Associated Occupation:** [Electrical and Electronics Drafters \(17-3012\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

**Focus Occupation:** Mechanical Drafters (17-3013)

**Associated Occupation:** Electrical and Electronics Drafters (17-3012)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Design	5.2	16.9	22.0	>> Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Engineering and Technology	5.7	12.7	17.6	>> Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Telecommunications	3.9	6.2	2.6	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85

**Focus Occupation:** Mechanical Drafters (17-3013)

**Associated Occupation:** Electrical and Electronics Drafters (17-3012)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Complex Problem Solving	9.1	10.2	9.2	< A higher skill level may be required
Operations Analysis	5.0	8.2	8.6	0 Current skill level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

**Focus Occupation:** Mechanical Drafters (17-3013)

**Associated Occupation:** Electrical and Electronics Drafters (17-3012)

Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Expression	12.4	13.7	11.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Comprehension	12.5	13.6	11.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	13.1	10.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Near Vision	11.1	12.2	12.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Written Expression	9.8	12.1	10.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Information Ordering	9.9	10.7	10.6	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Visualization	7.5	9.9	11.7	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 98

**Focus Occupation: Mechanical Drafters (17-3013)**  
**Associated Occupation: Electrical and Electronics Drafters (17-3012)**

Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Analyze technical data, designs, or preliminary specifications	47
Communicate technical information	4
Conduct training for personnel	30
Confer with engineering, technical or manufacturing personnel	25
Create mathematical or statistical diagrams or charts	43
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3
Draw prototypes, plans, or maps to scale	57
Examine engineering documents for completeness or accuracy	62
Follow manufacturing methods or techniques	73
Inspect manufactured products or materials	82
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Read blueprints	10
Read schematics	34
Read technical drawings	7
Understand engineering data or reports	48
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6
Use computer aided drafting or design software for design, drafting, modeling, or other engineering tasks	58
Use drafting or mechanical drawing techniques	50
Use government regulations	44
Use knowledge of metric system	39
Use spreadsheet software	18

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 94

**Focus Occupation: Mechanical Drafters (17-3013)**

**Associated Occupation: Electrical and Electronics Drafters (17-3012)**

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Drafting supplies	9
Industry specific software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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